

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB935

Hearing Date: Thursday February 13, 2014
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Gloor
One Liner: Require legislative approval to move state services

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 5 Senators Avery, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Scheer, Wallman
Nay: 3 Senators Bloomfield, Garrett, Murante
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Mike Gloor
Duane Hodge
Jay Vavricek
Keith Fickenscher
Ken Gnadt
Margaret Hornady
Donald Smith
Dave Ziola
Donald Shuda
Michael Ponte
Gary Quandt
Randy Gard
Tom Gdowski

Representing:

Introducer
Self
City of Grand Island
Self
City of Grand Island
City of Grand Island
Grand Island Independent
Hall County Supervisors
Veterans Service Officers Association of Nebraska
United Veterans Club
Hall County
Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation
Economic Development Corporation

Opponents:

Senator Galen Hadley
Stan Clouse
Greg Holloway
John Hilgert

Chuck Ogle
John Liebsack
Jeffrey Baker
Frederick Georges
Eric Williams

Representing:

Legislative District 37
City of Kearney
Nebraska Veterans' Home Board
Veterans Home Division - Dept. of Health and Human Services; Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs
Nebraska Veterans Council
Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars
Nebraska Veterans Council
Post 52 - American Legion
VFW; Veterans Home Board

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 935 requires a state agency that seeks to move a state service from one jurisdiction to another that is projected to

cost or have a fiscal impact of \$15 million or more to submit information to the Executive Board. The information will include:

- A description of the proposed move;
- Justification for the proposed move;
- A review of the long term costs, if any;
- Measureable goals for improving the service;
- An assessment of the feasibility of alternatives to moving the service;
- Any known or foreseeable legal, environmental or other issues related to the move; and
- A description of economic development efforts to use the facility abandoned by the move.

In calculating the long-term cost, the state agency will project for 12 months and 60 months the direct and indirect costs of providing the state service in the new jurisdiction, any continuing, additional, or transitional costs of providing the service in the new jurisdiction, and the capital construction costs.

The Executive Board will refer the information submitted by the state agency to the chair of the standing committee of the Legislature which has subject matter jurisdiction over the state service to be moved.

The standing committee will investigate the move and hold a hearing. The standing committee will then introduce a resolution that approves, disapproves, or takes no position on the proposed move.

Any move of a state service will be approved by the Legislature prior to implementation. If the Legislature approves the move by resolution or takes no position, the state agency may move the service. If the Legislature disapproves the move, the state agency will not move the service.

The bill defines jurisdiction, state agency and state service.

LB 935 applies to any move of a state service proposed on or after January 1, 2013, except that if the move was proposed prior to the effective date of this act, this section will not apply if all sources of funding for the move have been secured or have been conditionally approved by the effective date of this act.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment removes the provision that applied the bill retroactively to January 1, 2013. With the amendment, the bill will now apply to a move of a state service after the effective date of this act.

Bill Avery, Chairperson